

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22 has been amended as follows:

One advantageous analysis is to adopt a single compartment model for the lung. FIG. 1 shows this model using symbols equivalent to an electric circuit, having a resistance R in series with a compliance C (the compliance can be a variable dependent on volume). This provides the equation

$$P(t) = R \cdot \dot{V} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t \dot{V} dt + P(0) = R \cdot \dot{V} + \frac{V(t)}{C} + P(0) \quad (1)$$

$$P(t) = R \cdot \dot{V} + \frac{1}{C(V)} \int_0^t \dot{V} dt + P(0) = R \cdot \dot{V} + \frac{V(t)}{C} + P(0) \quad (1)$$

wherein P is airway pressure, $V(t)$ is lung volume, \dot{V} is airway flow, R is resistance, $C(V)$ is compliance and $P(0)$ is the start pressure.

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6 has been amended as follows:

Compliance $C(V)$ can be dependent on volume according to the equation

$$C(V) = C \cdot V^{1-b} \quad (2)$$

wherein b represents the stress index and C is a constant.

Equations (1) and (2) can now be combined to a new equation

$$P(t) = R \cdot \dot{V} + \frac{V^b}{C} + P(0) \quad (3)$$